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HWARANG



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For the warriors of UFL

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What's up

Site Mayors

Each billeting area has a person designated as a mayor. Site mayors are responsible for answering questions, posting information, obtaining supplies, submitting work orders, inspecting cleaning crews, maintaining order and appearance of their areas and investigating/resolving complaints.

Supply operations

HHC supply provides MREs and drinking water, cleaning supplies, paper, office supplies, irons, ironing boards, clothes racks, foot lockers, insect repellent, road guard vest, Chem Lights, batteries and other miscellaneous items as necessary.

Uniform

Uniform in the LSA is either BDUs with beret, PT uniform, or appropriate civilian clothing. Uniform while on shift in CP Oscar is BDUs with Kevlar helmet, LBE and Pro Mask.

Note: Soft cap will not be worn with LBE and mask. Black back packs are not authorized with BDUs while on deployment (use your ruck sack).

No alcohol during exercise

Alcohol consumption by exercise personnel is prohibited in accordance with U.S. Forces Korea Regulation 27-5.

Consumption of alcohol during the exercise is a punishable offense, and individuals who violate this regulation may be subject to non-judicial punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.



Photo by Pfc. Kim, Dae Dong

Taking a break from the UFL 2002 exercise, soldiers enjoy the scenery around the Dabotap Pagoda and take pictures.

Culture Tour: a priceless experience in UFL 2002

Story by Pfc. Kim, Dae Dong

The personnel participating in Ulchi Focus Lens (UFL) 2002 exercise went on a tour Saturday to relax their tensed and tired minds. The cultural tour was sponsored by S-2, 28 people went to visit Gyeongju, a city of cultural relics.

After an hour-and-a-half bus ride, the cultural tour group arrived at Bulguksa temple. The temple consists of Daeungjeon (Main Hall), Guekrakjeon (Hall), Birojeon (Hall), and

Gwaneumjeon (Hall). Also, it included a highest realization of formative art, Dabotap Pagoda and Seokgatap Pagoda.

"It was my first time visiting a Buddhist temple and I enjoyed seeing the Buddhist art. I thought the temple was very beautiful," said Cpt. Mark J. Bonica of Triple Army Medical Center in Hawaii.

Then, the cultural group had a chance to visit Seokguram Grotto. The grotto was built in the tenth year of King Gyeongaek of the Silla

Kingdom and with its dome covered with earth, the Grotto looks like a cave. It is recognized as a worldwide masterpiece and as wonderful artistry.

"I was fascinated by the sacredness of the whole grotto," said Bonica after viewing Principal Buddha of Seokguram Grotto.

The United Nations Education Scientific Cultural Organization (UNESCO) designated the temple and the grotto was designated as world cultural heritage site in

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The Spirit of “Hwarang”

It's August, and Eighth Army warriors have amassed to show their combat readiness in this year's Ulchi Focus Lens exercise.

UFL is a routine, regularly scheduled summer exercise involving forces from both the Republic of Korea and the United States. It is designed to evaluate and improve combined and joint coordination, procedures, plans and systems necessary for the conduct of contingency operation of Republic of Korea and United States Forces.

UFL demonstrates ROK-US interoperability and Combined Forces Command's capability, as well as the commitment to defend Korea.

Fifteen centuries ago, when this part of Korea was known as the Kingdom of Shilla, a group of Shilla warriors called the "Hwarang" demonstrated their battle skills and their nobility in this same area. The Hwarang was a youth organization led by a single "Kook sun," the spiritual leader. Under this leader, the Hwarangs led thousands of "Nangdo" to become a Hwarang. These young, aspiring warriors trained in martial arts and in academics, aspiring to become a Hwarang. A knightly code of conduct resulted from Hwarang-do training, and the Hwarang members visited beautiful places within the Kingdom, engaging in both military and spiritual exercises to cleanse and train their minds and bodies.

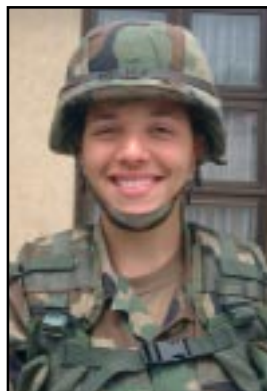
It is in the spirit of Hwarang that this newsletter was created to honor the service members and events of this year's UFL that demonstrate the spirit of Hwarang.

This newsletter is also available on-line at <http://www.korea.army.mil/pao/hwarang/hwarang3.htm>.

If any of our readers know of any sections or individuals who possess this spirit of courage, intelligence and nobility, let us know by calling 764-3787 / 764-3055 or e-mailing us at parkjy@usfk.korea.army.mil.

Voice of UFL

“What is the last thing that comes into your mind when you go to sleep?”



Pvt. Rachael A. Helms
8th U.S. Army Augmentation, Conus

"My family and loved ones back. And whether the mosquitoes will attack me or not in the middle of the night."



Spc. Christopher K. Conn
HHC, 8th U.S. Army G-6

"When are we going back to Seoul? I already know we will be leaving around the end of August, but I am not concerned with going back today. I have a job to do here and that is what I think about first."

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Voice of UFL

"What is the last thing that comes into your mind when you go to sleep?"



Pvt. Renaldo J. Lewis
B 307th Signal
Battalion

"I hope the mosquitoes don't eat me alive!"



Spc. David D. Jeffries Jr.
8th U.S. Army
Detachment, Ohio

"The last thing is either my family back in Ohio, or training for the next day."

Priceless experience

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The cultural tour group moved on to Yangdong Folk Village in the Angang tourist area. The village is a typical folk village that was formed during the 15th and 16th centuries. It is famous for antique tile-roofed houses, which remain intact.

"It was a good experience, especially when the tour of the village showed how people make a living by growing their food. It was interesting, in the aspect that people in the village are still adhering to the traditional methods," said Spc. Tashaunda R. Harris of 8th U.S. Army, CJG3 Aviation.

"I felt a great responsibility as a tour guide and had an

appointed task to show U.S. soldiers more about Korea and its culture. It was good to see when the people were fascinated and surprised during the tour" said Cpl. Kwon, Chang Hwan of Troop Command S-3. Kwon became the translating guide on the spot.

The tour took about eight hours, but it seemed that many people were satisfied with the trip. "It was pity that the cultural tour coincided with the Osan tour, where more people could have came. I wanted to show Korea's beauty for those who have negative stereotypes about coming to Korea and working here," said Kwon.

Calling Home

Using access numbers provided by major U.S. long distance companies could save you money when calling home, depending on your particular service provider. Just call the number and follow the instructions.

AT&T.....550-4663

MCI 550.....550-2255

SPRINT.....550-3663



Pre-paid phone cards, which can be used on both DSN and civilian lines, are also available at several locations on post, which average about 10 cents a minute.

Transportation



The shuttle for Camp Henry and Camp George leaves from Camp Walker's Gate #6, near the PX, at the following times.

Morning

12:43, 1:43, 2:43, 7:26, 7:33, 8:43, 9:46, 10:46, and 11:46 a.m.

Afternoon/Evening

12:46, 1:46, 2:43, 3:46, 4:46, 5:27, 5:43, 6:07, 6:43, 7:43, 8:46, 9:43, 10:43, and 11:43 p.m.

Taxi service is also available daily. For service call 768-8623.



What's up

Have you filled out a Hometown News release?

The Hometown News program is a great way for you to let the folks back home know what you are doing your time in the military.

Promotions, awards and participation in exercises are all things that your friends and family back home want to hear about.

See your Hometown News Program representative or your Public Affairs Office today to get your hometown news release form.

Let everyone know what you're doing to serve your country.

Security

Classified document security is the responsibility of each section. Sections should destroy classified material as it becomes obsolete. Also, individuals should avoid discussing exercise issues outside the controlled areas.

Locations of Command Post, your role in the exercise, or the duration and scope of the exercise cannot be discussed over open telephone lines.

Army Acronyms

ACC.....Air Component Commander
 ADA.....Air Defense Artillery
 BUB.....Battle Update Briefing
 CPA....Contemporary Peoples Army
 CSS.....Combat Service Support
 DC.....Displaced Civilians
 IAW.....In Accordance With
 IO.....Information Operations
 LAN.....Local Area Network
 OS..Operational Strategic Command
 PMO.....Provost Marshals Office
 TMD.....Theater Missile Defense
 UIC.....Unit Identification Code

Soldiers fight in the darkness as the night shift

Story by Pfc. Kim, Dae Dong

During the Ulchi Focus Lens (UFL) 2002 exercise, all personnel related to the exercise work 12-hour shifts, where soldiers are divided into day and night shifts.

The night at the CP Oscar seems quiet and peaceful. But, things are much different when soldiers have to go through time and overflowing work items, while listening to irregular sirens, signaling them to have their pro-mask on.

"Nobody here likes the MOPP situation but we know that other than exercise time, we have no chance to do this kind of training and the MOPP situation makes soldiers tense" said Cpl. Sul, Kyung, South Republic of Korea Army LNO interpreter, Headquarters and Headquarters Company 8th U.S. Army, G3 Operations.

Also, the downside of working on the night shift is that soldiers have to fight against hunger and sleepiness.

"Like most people, I am used to working under the daylight, but working in the night makes me sleepy, despite that, I have tons of work to finish" said Pfc. Kim, Jung Yoon of SROKA 37th Division, 111th Brigade, 1st Battalion HHC. "It was really hard adjusting to the exotic food and I was very tired for the

first few days because I was adapting to a new environment," said Kim.

Some people have misconceptions that the night shift is an easy and a slow paced job.

"Night shift is basically an equal job to the day shift because there is a lot of events going on during the night. We have the same, equal responsibility and also everybody knows that U.S. Army fights at night" said Staff Sgt. Corey J. Collins of HHC, U.S. Army Pacific.

If you have ever worked at the night shift before, people know that night of CP Oscar is not just quiet and peaceful that all soldiers both night and day shifts, are hard at work. Furthermore, without the hard and laborious work of the UFL 2002 exercise participants around the clock, the exercise would not be a success.



Photo by Pfc. Kim, Dae Dong

Sgt. William K. Hobson, Jr., a trumpet player for Eighth U.S. Army Band, is on gateguard duty.

Weather for Daegu, South Korea

Today



Hi 82 F

28 C

Low 68 F

20 C